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## E-Legislative Update

January 17-23, 2011



Today marks the beginning of the second week of the legislative session. In this stage of the legislative process, bills are being referred to committees. A bill has a public hearing before Senate and House committees prior to being considered on the floor of the House and Senate. Your opportunity to testify on a bill comes at the committee hearings. If you cannot appear before a committee you can, [contact your legislator](#) making your position on a bill known. You can do so by writing a letter, sending an e-mail, calling the legislator's Olympia office, or

by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

Because the state budget is an overarching issue, the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will provide updates on important milestones in budget development as well as focus on bills that impact the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the areas of education, health care, human services, economic development, and immigration.

The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will be providing information weekly through our e-legislative update and website on committee hearings, bills, and other events of interest throughout the legislative session. Our e-legislative update provides a general overview highlighting a few bills of interest to the community while our website hosts a more extensive list of bills utilizing a [bill tracking](#) feature for those community members seeking more information. Highlights from the previous week can be viewed on [TVW's](#) Legislative Review.

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Below are some scheduled meetings and hearings that might be of interest to you.

### Education

#### Higher Education

1/17/11 1:30 pm

#### House Full Committee

House Hearing Rm D  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

**Work Session:** Policy and Budget Priorities.

- a. The Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- b. The State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.
- c. Panel of Community and Technical College Presidents.

- d. The Workforce Board: Higher Education Recommendations.

### **Early Learning & K-12 Education**

**1/17/11 1:30 pm**

#### **Senate Full Committee**

Senate Hearing Rm 1  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

#### **Work Session:**

1. Background information, committee staff.
2. K-12 State-funded educational agencies/boards/committees:
  - a. Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
  - b. State Board of Education.
  - c. Professional Educator Standards Board.
  - d. Office of the Education Ombudsman.
  - e. Educational Service Districts.
  - f. Achievement Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee

### **Higher Education & Workforce Development**

**1/18/11 10:00 am**

#### **Senate Full Committee**

Senate Hearing Rm 3  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

#### **Work Session:**

1. Staff review of tuition setting authority policies in various states and how those policies affect student access.
2. Committee discussion regarding tuition setting authority issues with representatives from the four-year institutions.
3. Higher Education Coordinating Board review of models that tie tuition setting authority to accountability measures.
4. Committee discussion regarding accountability measures with representatives from the four-year institutions.

### **Education**

**1/18/11 1:30 pm**

#### **House Full Committee**

House Hearing Rm A  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

#### **Work Session:**

1. Quality Education Council - 2011 Report to the Legislature
2. Achievement Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee.
3. High school assessments and high school graduation.

### **Education**

**1/20/11 8:00 am**

#### **House Full Committee**

House Hearing Rm A

John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

**Work Session: Education Governance:**

1. K-12 Governance.
    - a. History of K-12 governance in Washington.
    - b. Overview of K-12 governance in other states.
  2. Other education agencies and institutions.
    - a. Department of Early Learning.
    - b. State Board for Community & Technical Colleges.
    - c. Higher Education Coordinating Board.
    - d. Council of Presidents.
  3. National perspective on education governance.
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## Health Care and Human Services

**State Government & Tribal Affairs**

**1/17/11 1:30 pm**

**House Full Committee**

House Hearing Rm E  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

**Public Hearing:**

1. [HB 1029](#) - Restructuring the department of social and health services.

**Human Services & Corrections**

**1/18/11 1:30 pm**

**Senate Full Committee**

Senate Hearing Rm 1  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

**Work Session:** Presentation on the recommendations to the Governor on Medicaid transition as it relates to the provision of mental health services.

**Health & Human Services Appropriations & Oversight**

**1/20/11 1:30 pm**

**House Full Committee**

House Hearing Rm B  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

**Work Session:** Informal briefing and discussion on mental health services.

**Early Learning & Human Services**

**1/21/11 1:30 pm**

**House Full Committee**

House Hearing Rm D  
John L. O'Brien Building

Olympia, WA

**Work Session:**

1. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) overview and eligibility.
  2. Working Connections.
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## **Economic Development**

### **Labor & Workforce Development**

**1/18/11 10:00 am**

#### **House Full Committee**

House Hearing Rm C  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

**Work Session:**

1. Overview of the Workforce Investment Act.
2. Overview of the worker retraining program.

### **Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance**

**1/18/11 10:00 am**

#### **Senate Full Committee**

Senate Hearing Rm 2  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

**Work Session:** Increasing the collaborative role of financial institutions and insurance companies with regards to state economic development and trade.

### **Economic Development, Trade & Innovation**

**1/19/11 8:00 am**

#### **Senate Full Committee**

Senate Hearing Rm 3  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

**Work Session:**

1. Innovation partnership zones.
2. Micro enterprise development.
3. Pacific Northwest economic region, innovation working group presentation.

### **Community Development & Housing**

**1/20/11 10:00 am**

House Full Committee  
House Hearing Rm C  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

**Work Session:** Community Development.

- a. Community vitality issues and strategies.
- b. Building Communities Fund Report.

## **Economic Development, Trade & Innovation**

**1/20/11 1:30 pm**

### **Senate Full Committee**

Senate Hearing Rm 3  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

#### **Work Session:**

1. State of the state economy.
2. Commercialization activity funding in Washington.
3. Public works trust fund and community economic revitalization board.

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## **Budget**

### **Ways & Means**

**1/17/11 3:30 pm**

### **Senate Full Committee**

Senate Hearing Rm 4  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

**Work Session/Public Hearing:** K-12 Education.

### **Ways & Means**

**1/18/11 3:30 pm**

### **House Full Committee**

House Hearing Rm A  
John L. O'Brien Building  
Olympia, WA

**Public Hearing:** [HB 1086](#) - Making 2011 supplemental operating appropriations. The hearing will be on the proposed substitute bill by Representative Hunter.

### **Ways & Means**

**1/18/11 3:30 pm**

### **Senate Full Committee**

Senate Hearing Rm 4  
J.A. Cherberg Building  
Olympia, WA

**Work Session/Public Hearing:** Higher Education.

Information is current as of: January 14, 2011.

To find out more information on a particular bill, please visit <http://www.leg.wa.gov>.

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**CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.**

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